MUSIC AND DANCE
AT UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCES

Ginnie & Dewayne Lowther
Visual Journalists

Welcome !

This book contains the following.

Invitation from United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tennesee for Dewayne & Ginnie Lowther to make commemorative souvenir photographs available to delegates, musicians, and others at ten day 2000 General Conference in Cleveland.

Photographs of Ginnie at souvenir photo booths in Cleveland then at Conferences held in Pittsburgh, Forth Worth and Tampa.

Sample Souvenir images from those Conferences.

2022 "noteworthy United Methodists remembered" by United Methodist Communications.

In January 2000, United Methodist Communications in Nashville, contacted us and asked if we would join their staff to help with photo journaling during a ten day United Methodist General Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. It was explained that their photographer would be busy providing images for press releases and documenting the conference and that that we would be what they called their “memorabilia” photographers, available to take “souvenir” photos for delegates and visitors. We would (1) take photos as requested, have the film developed at a nearby camera store (before digital cameras), (2) display prints, and (3) take orders for photos to be mailed after the Conference. We accepted the invitation!!! Our photo journaling services were so well recieved in Cleveland that we were invited to provide them for the next three United Methodist General Conferences.

Beginning with the frst day of the 2000 General Conference in Cleveland, our Visual Journaling Photo Booths were popular places during ten day Conferences in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Fort Worth and Tampa!!!

Our Visual Journaling Booth - 2000 General Conference, Cleveland, Ohio

Before the 2004 Conference, we adopted digital technology which made it easier for us to not only capture and display images to be ordered but also to provide digital files on demand. For example, a delegate from Denmark requested a digital file that he could e-mail to his Conference Office. The next day, he showed me an e-mail copy of the Denmark Conference Newspaper with a front page photo from the file I prepared for him to send.

Our Visual Journaling Booth - 2004 General Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylania

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Our Visual Journaling Booth - 2008 General Conference, Fort Worth, Texas

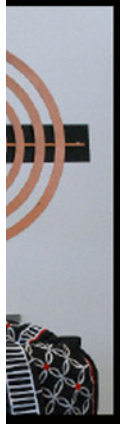
Our Visual Journaling Booth - 2012 General Conference, Tampa, Florida

Our Photographs are now memories for 4,312 persons
who received one or more of our Journaling Images
after attending General Conferences or other events
where we made photographs available to help them tell their story!

It is rewarding to review detailed records Ginnie maintained to be certain that ordered photographs could be printed and mailed following each event.

These records contain names, addresses and Countries of 4,312 persons who have one or more of our journaling photographs to help them remember the Conference or other General Church event they attended.

Journaling Images were mailed to persons in Angola, Canada, Congo, Denmark, Germany (Tuebingen, Nussloch,Stuttgart), Indonesia, Japan, Liberia, Lithuania, Mozambic, Nigeria, Philippines, Russia, Switzerland, Uganda, Zambia, and 45 states in the US.



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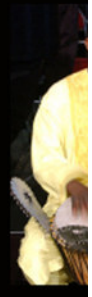

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West Virginia Conference Delegates/Alternate Delegates
2008 General Conference - Fort Worth, Texas

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Sarah Carr Parsons directing Chanticleer Children's Chorus from Bridgeport and Children from other Choirs at 2004 General Conference - Pittsburgh, PA

"Water Washed Spirit Born"
The United Methodist Church
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Toward Healing Relationships With Indigenous Peoples
2012 General Conference – The United Methodist Church – Tampa Florida – USA
April 24th – May 4th

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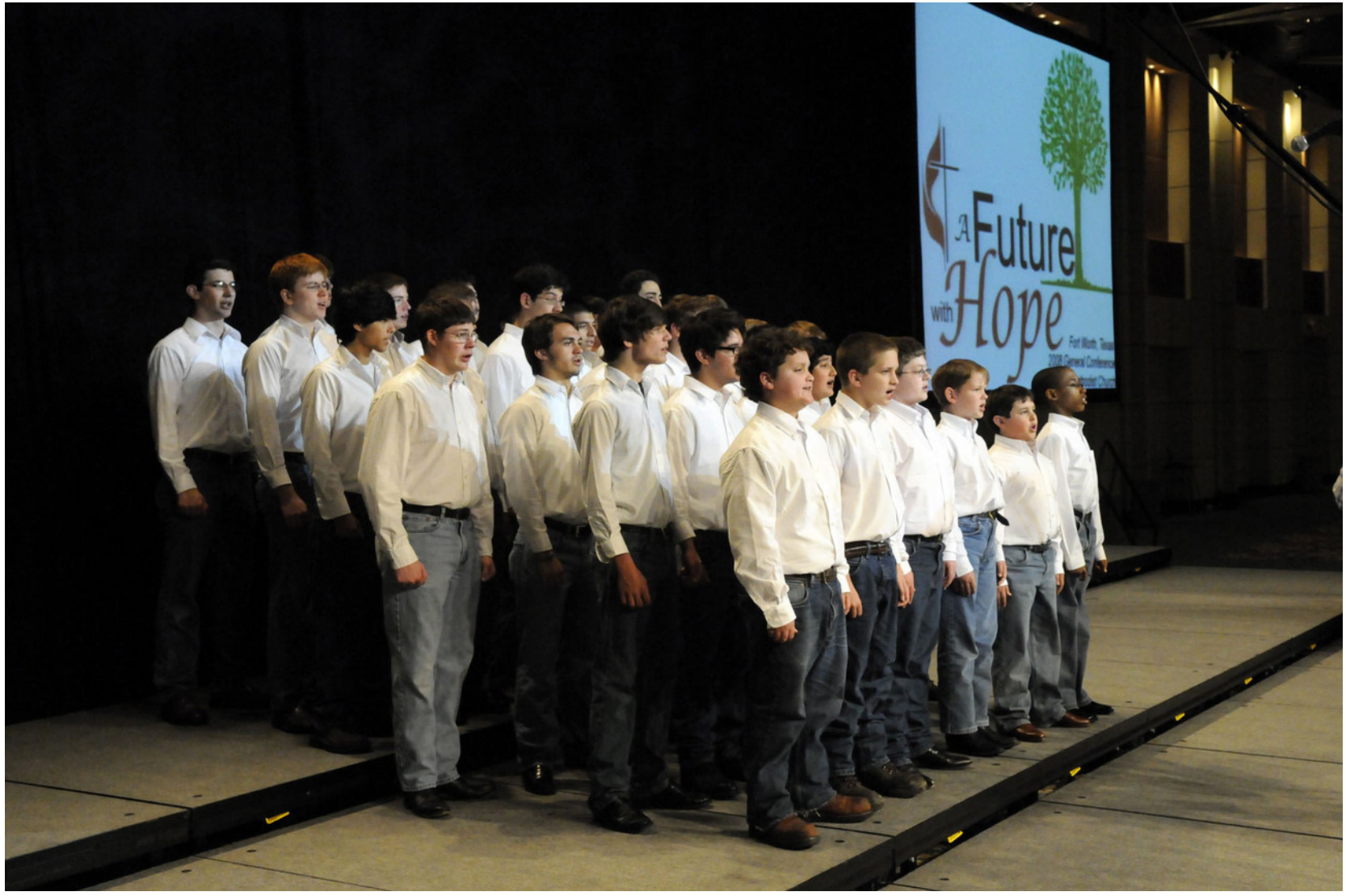
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2008 General Conference

The United Methodist Church

Fort Worth, Texas April 23 – May 2

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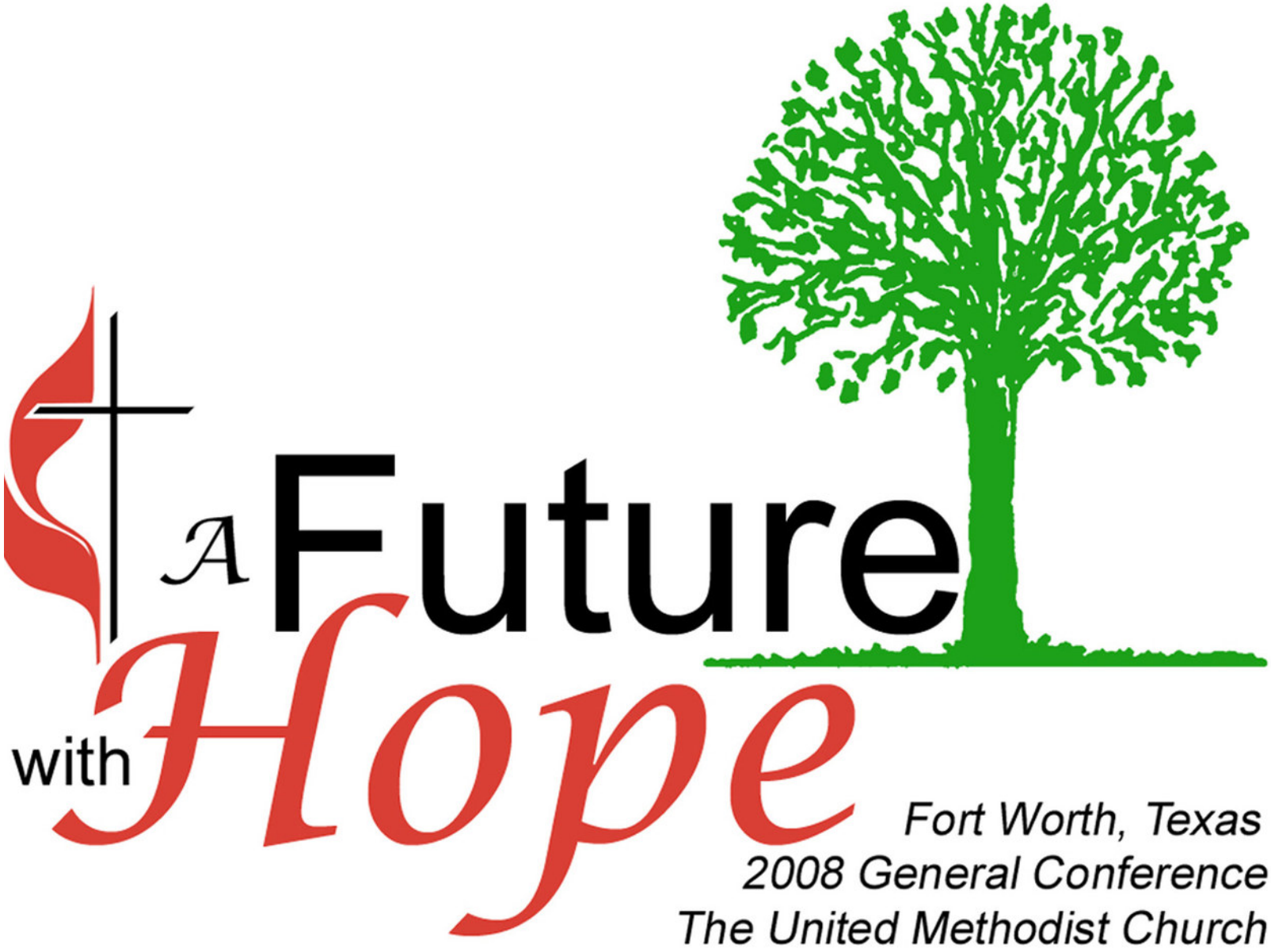
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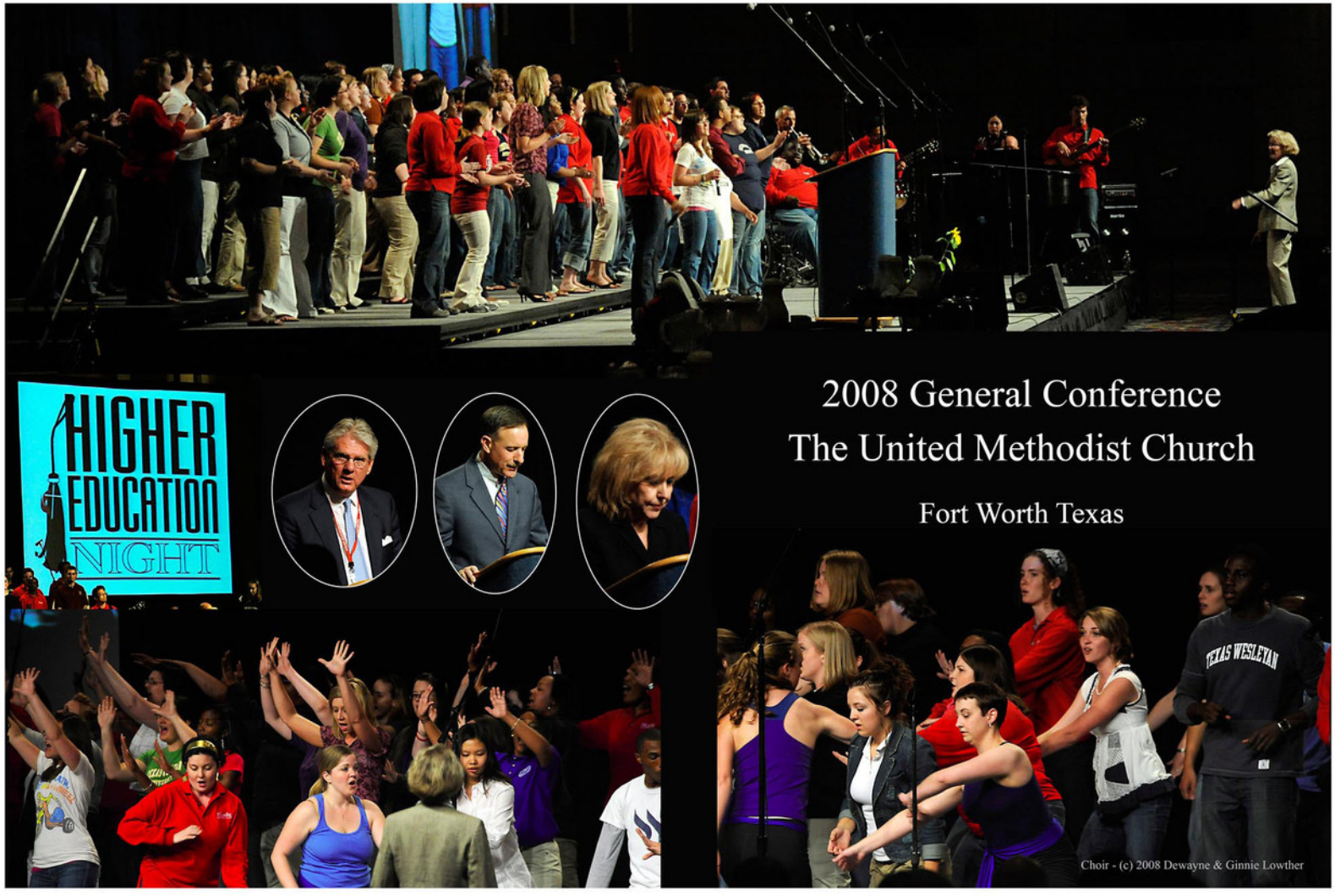
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2008 General Conference
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Choir - (c) 2008 Dewayne & Ginnie Lowther

Thank you for taking time to look at Sample Photographs from our Visual Journaling at four General Conferences.

As requested by United Methodist Communications beginning in 2000, we made these souvenir photos available for those attendng these events with a special emphasis on documenting and affirming all who were involved in the many choral, instrumental and liturgical dance groups.

You may use this QR code to view over two dozen of Ginnie & Dewayne Lowther's Photo Essays Documenting and Affirming Visual and Performing Arts, Church Anniversary Celebrations, and Other Stories that need to be shared.

"Every time I walked past the Lowther Photo Display at those General Conferences, I could see that Ginnie aways had a smile for everyone"

(from phone conversation with Executive Director of United Methodist News Service after December 16, 2022 news release including Ginnie in list of 40 Noteworthy United Methodists remembered.)

See next page for complete Dec. 16, 2022 News Release.

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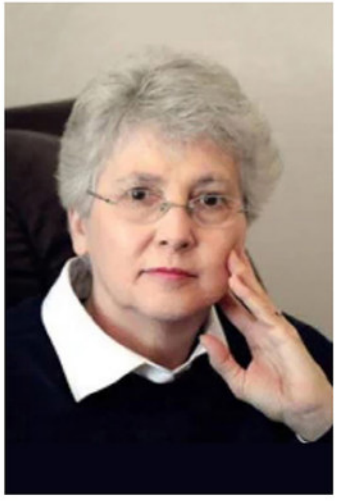
2022: Noteworthy United Methodists remembered

Dec 16, 2022 — ... **Ginnie Lowther** had a commitment to service and a passion for preserving church history. "They specialized in telling the stories behind the ...

The Rev. Ginnie Lowther

The Rev. Mary Virginia Settle Lowther, who went by Ginnie, was a longtime West Virginia Conference leader who provided souvenir photo services at several General Conferences. She died Sept. 4 at age 87.

She was in the first class of deacons ordained as full conference members in 1997, served in the connectional ministries office and held several conference leadership positions. She was co-editor of 30 editions of the West Virginia Annual Conference Journal. She served as chair of the West Virginia United Methodist Conference Commission on Archives and History and as a member of the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. She also was president of the West Virginia Conference Minister's Wives Association.



The Rev. Ginnie Lowther.
Photo courtesy of Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel.

United Methodist News honors notable church leaders and members who died over the past 12 months. Original image by S. Hermann / F. Richter, courtesy of Pixabay.

After retiring in 2002, she and her husband — the Rev. Dewayne Lowther — launched Ministry of Memory. They used photographic journaling to capture the work that people did for the church, and they provided portraits of individuals and delegations at their photo booth at General Conference.

Judi M. Kenaston, West Virginia Conference secretary and former chair of the commission that plans General Conference, said Ginnie Lowther had a commitment to service and a passion for preserving church history.

"They specialized in telling the stories behind the actions of General Conference — showing the hard work, moments of celebration and moments of pain," Kenaston said. "It truly was a labor of love."

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